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CSM: Coptic Church Bombing in Egypt: Mubarak Must Prosecute

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Reconciliation has some value, but no one does time for the crimes against Egypt's Copts, such as murder or destruction of property. In its 2010 annual report, the US Commission on International Religious Freedom rightly condemns such impunity:

"The absence of accountability breeds lawlessness, which encourages individuals to attack, and even kill, others who dissent from or fail to embrace their own religious views, including members of minority religious communities."

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